

In the long history of the American Bowling Congress no team ever has made an impact on the annual tournament to match the performance of Bob Hart's Goebel squad during the past week.

When the team departed from the lanes it had virtually wrecked the standings by reaching the top in three divisions and narrowly missing records that were thought to be out of reach.

And the star of the lot was Bob Hart himself, as he piled up a nine-game total of 2087 to take the lead in the all - events. To reach this big count Bob rolled 687 in the team event, 702 in the doubles where he paired with Cuck Sunseri to take the team-making role with 717 and then topped the performance with 688 in the singles.

Bob was well on his way to better the all - events record another Detroit — Ed Lubanski — set several years when he compiled a 416 count. Lady Luck frowned on him, however, when he encountered the 4 - 6 split in the final frame and settled for the 2087 and the lead.

The team, as a whole, played a starring role, too, to take team all - events lead with a count of 9575 and came within 33 pins of the ABC record.

Hart started this off with his 2087 and Sunseri followed with 1941. Back of this pair came Jack Treloar with 1859.

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Avondale coach quite versatile

By JOANNE SANDACZ

John Osler, Avondale's new track coach, is literally a coach of all sports. Besides track, he has coached cross country, girls track, skiing, girls skiing, football, basketball and swimming.

The funny thing about it is that he had no form of physical education in college and, Osler adds, his only claim to fame in high school was that he ran behind Hayes Jones, Pontiac's Olympic star.

ADD TO THIS another surprise by a non-athlete. Osler was the vice-president of the Michigan Interscholastic Track Coaches Association for two years, and served as president for another.

Osler has had 12 years of coaching experience. He began his coaching career at Reese High School. During his three years there, Osler had a state champion cross country team in 1964 and an all-state half-miler in 1965.

From Reese, Osler went to Pontiac Northern. His cross country teams have always been in the top 10 in the last six years of his eight year stay. At Northern, he also coached a top state individual in almost every track event.

OSLER FEELS his outstanding protege at Northern was Melvin Reeves. Reeves was state champion in both the high and low hurdles in 1971. His times of 13.9 and 18.9 are near the state champion times.

Osler relates an interesting incident during his years at Northern. "I became the first ski coach at Pontiac Northern and I'd never been on skis before in my life. So at the ripe age of 30 I took to the slopes and learned how to ski that year (1970)." A foreign exchange student that year also placed fifth in the state.

By becoming the girls ski coach, Osler made some kind of history. It was the first time any male had coached a girls team.

OSLER HAS KEPT up on his research and still reads all kinds of books dealing with whatever sport he happens to be into at the moment. His philosophy for track is to put everything you have learned together and derive that which is best suited for particular needs.

"Certain coaches have given me their programs and I've improved," states Osler. "I used Kermit Ambrose's and Bruce Waha — that's where I've gotten my program basically."

To you look at the best and you pick the best things you can adapt and use."

Osler is enthusiastic about Avondale. He feels that there are a lot of assets and recognizes that it's a young school that is growing and realizing its potential.

MOST OF THE boys on the team are sophomores, and Osler

notes that it is a year of discovery. "We're going to do a lot of testing. We're going to have quarter-milers throwing the shot put until we find a shot putter, and have sprinters doing the long jump, and so on."

"It's going to be a long year, but the kids are going to have a lot of fun."

Avondale's strongest event is the pole vault. Roger Lee, a junior, went to the state meet last year and currently holds the school record. Other vaulters are Gary McCoskey, John Morrow and Mike Hirt.

IN DISTANCE events, the Yellow Jackets rely on their cross country runners, primarily Jerry Bowen, Larry Krausé, Gerry Clark, Chuck Stouffer and Craig Ryan. The field events seem to be the toughest for Avondale, with Pete Fraser laying the ground work in the long jump.

Osler says his team is well-disciplined, which makes it easier for him. Osler, however, will only be at Avondale this season. Osler is presently in charge of the cross-country teams at Oakland University and will next year become head track coach there.

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Adams views tough season

Normally 13 lettermen is enough of a nucleus to build a solid team.

But the situation is also normal for Adams track coach, Al Gierke, who finds himself heavy in some events and light — maybe extremely light — in others.

The Highlanders were 2-5 in dual meets last year, beating Royal Oak Dondero and Rochester, and they finished last in the Metro Suburban Activities Association meet.

"IT'S GOING to be a tough year," Gierke admits. "If we can stay healthy, I hope we can improve our position."

"I think overall, assuming our kids come through, the mile and two-mile will be our strength," he continued. "In field events, probably we've got the most depth in the shot. But we're pretty far behind because of the weather."

The distance events will be anchored by seniors Steve Virena, Kerr Moyer, Harold Merrill and junior Tom Griffin. In the shot, he has junior Fred Schimon and senior Jeff Whitfield back, plus strong junior Dave Anderson out for two years.

IN THE MIDDLE distances are lettermen Dave Kovaleski, Brian King, Ric Tischler and Kelly King. Bill Kauffeld was the No. 1 pole

vaulter. Les Cox runs the hurdles and Bill Bowman filled in on the 440 relay for Adams.

Perhaps the brightest prospects are sophomore Mike Acton, one of the freshman team's top performers last year; and junior Rod Rumohr, a sprinter who wasn't out for the squad last season.

Other possibilities are distance runners Pete Lind and Cam Cravens, hurdler Brad Smith, freshman miler Bill Morgan and Joao Ribeiro, a foreign exchange student from Brazil.

"YOU'VE GOT to go with Groves as the favorite," Gierke said, looking at the league competition. But after that, most other teams are unknown.

Some of that unknown quantity will be known after the Spartan Relays Saturday at Michigan State University. Adams is the only local team entered.

The Highlanders will compete in three races, with the probable lineup of Morgan in the mile, Griffin in the two-mile, and Kovaleski, Cox, Rumohr and Brian King the sprint medley relay, composed of two 440s and two 220s.

SCHEDULE

April 6 — Spartan Relays, Michigan State University; 10 — at Southfield-Lathrup, 4 p.m.; 25 — Bloomfield Hills Lahser, 3:45 p.m.; May 2 — at Royal Oak Dondero, 4 p.m.; 9 — at Utica Eisenhower, 4 p.m.; 11 — at Oxford Invitational; 16 — Birmingham Groves, 3:45 p.m.; 17-18 — Regional meet; 22 — Metro Suburban Activities Association meet at Adams; 24 — Oakland County track meet at Hazel Park.

June 1 — State finals; 4 — at Rochester, 6:30 p.m.

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